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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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TUBULAR METAL FITTING EXPANDABLE IN A WALL

OPENING AND METHOD OF INSTALLATION

Examiner

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AMENDMENT AND

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action ("Office Action") dated November 14, 2005, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on May 14, 2006. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fees. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.